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The Honorable Kevin Mullin
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT AB 486 (Mullin)

Dear Assembly Member Mullin,

I am writing in support of your Assembly Bill 486. With our unemployment rate still among the highest in the nation, the legislature desperately needs to implement policies that will encourage job creation. This legislation will create a competitive tax policy for businesses involved with research, development, and manufacturing by creating an exemption to qualified individuals engaging in these activities. It will also stimulate economic growth by removing barriers to technological innovation and manufacturing in the State of California.

Through its high taxes and burdensome regulations, California has developed a reputation of unfriendliness towards business and manufacturing. By exempting products used primarily in manufacturing, research and development from a large portion of sales and use taxes, this bill will encourage the development of manufacturing in our state and send a signal that California is serious about helping job creators succeed.

Thank you for introducing this measure. I urge swift passage of AB 486.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
Second District